
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE-PROVINCE
AFFILIATION BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is actively seeking to expand
2 its international ties and has an abiding interest in developing
3 goodwill, friendship, and economic relations between the people
4 of Hawaii and the people of Asian and Pacific countries; and
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6 WHEREAS, as part of its effort to achieve this goal, Hawaii
7 has established a number of sister-state agreements with
8 provinces in the Pacific region; and
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10 WHEREAS, because of the historical relationship between the
11 United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines,
12 there continue to exist valid reasons to promote international
13 friendship and understanding for the mutual benefit of both
14 countries to achieve lasting peace and prosperity as it serves
15 the common interests of both countries; and
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17 WHEREAS, there are historical precedents exemplifying the
18 common desire to maintain a close cultural, commercial, and
19 financial bridge between ethnic Filipinos living in Hawaii with
20 their relatives, friends, and business counterparts in the
21 Philippines, such as the previously established sister-city
22 relationship between the City and County of Honolulu and the
23 City of Cebu in the Province of Cebu; and
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25 WHEREAS, similar state-province relationships exist between
26 the State of Hawaii and the Provinces of Cebu, Ilocos Norte,
27 Ilocos Sur, and Pangasinan, whereby cooperation and
28 communication have served to establish exchanges in the areas of



1 business, trade, agriculture and industry, tourism, sports,
2 health care, social welfare, and other fields of human endeavor;
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5 WHEREAS, a similar state-province relationship would
6 reinforce and cement this common bridge for understanding and
7 mutual assistance between ethnic Filipinos of both the State of
8 Hawaii and the Province of Bohol; and
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10 WHEREAS, Bohol is the 10th largest island in the
11 Philippines, and being the number one producer of agricultural
12 products in the Visayas region, listing rice, corn, and coconut
13 as a few of its major crops, agriculture is one of its
14 dominating economic sectors, but Bohol is also home to many
15 notable tourist attractions including Chocolate Hills, Laboc
16 River and the Philippine Tarsier, making tourism another one if
17 its major industries much like Hawaii; now, therefore;
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that Governor David Ige
22 of the State of Hawaii, or his designee, be authorized and is
23 requested to take all necessary actions to establish a state-
24 province affiliation with the Province of Bohol in the Republic
25 of the Philippines; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor or his designee is
28 requested to keep the Legislature of the State of Hawaii fully
29 informed of the process in establishing the affiliation and
30 involved in its formalization to the extent practicable; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Bohol be
33 afforded the privileges and honors that Hawaii extends to its
34 sister states and provinces; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if by June 30, 2016, the state-
37 province affiliation with the Province of Bohol has not reached
38 a sustainable basis by providing mutual economic benefits
39 through local community support, the state-province affiliation
40 shall be withdrawn; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
43 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,



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the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Hawaii's Congressional delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the President of the Republic of the Philippines through its Honolulu Consulate General, and the Governor and Provincial Board of the Province of Bohol, Republic of the Philippines.

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